

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

April 26, 2012

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, April 26, 2012.

Members Present: Walter Mann, Radha Prasad, Richard LoPresti, First Selectman Freda, William Gambardella, Walter Spader, Deborah Moore, Walter Mann

Members Absent: Frank Maher

### MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting with a discussion of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 22, 2012. Mr. Gambardella moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. DePino.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Freda - Yes	Mann - Yes
	Prasad - Yes	Spader -Yes	Moore - Yes

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST – LESSONS LEARNED

Mr. LoPresti thanked commission members for their participation. He said that he received positive feedback, especially about the economic development web site. Mr. LoPresti said that next year he would like to have name cards for the speakers, name tags for attendees and a survey for attendees to fill out. Commission members felt that the breakfast was a success.

### SHOW & SELL

Mr. Mann will head up this project. He will check on the date (October 20<sup>th</sup>) with the high school to make sure it is available.

### COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. DePino said that we should consider using the Holiday Inn or Fantasia for the Show and Sell instead of the high school. He said that we should compare costs to see what is more cost effective. Mr. Mann said that we need to look at this as soon as possible. Mr. LoPresti said that he would contact both Holiday Inn and Fantasia to get information.

Mr. Gambardella said he had a meeting with Sun West about solar projects that they are considering doing in North haven. He said that they were interested in the tire pond property.

Mr. LoPresti showed Commission members an economic development brochure from the Town of Wallingford. He said that if the commission was interested, he would invite the Doreen DeSarro of the Wallingford EDC to our next meeting. Commission members thought it would be a good idea to do so. Mr. LoPresti said he would make the arrangements.

Mr. LoPresti also said that Mr. Spader will be working on creating economic development brochures for the Town.

Further discussion followed.

FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. Mr. Freda said that there are various projects in the works and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for May 24, 2012 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. DePino moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM, seconded by Mr. Prasad.